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SUBJ :SOUTH AFRICAN-GREEK COMMUNITY LEADERS PROTEST
U.S.CYPRUS POSITION

1. A GROUP OF FIVE SOUTH AFRICAN GREEKS, CLAIMING TO REPRESENT
HELLENIC COMMUNITIES OF SOUTH AFRICA, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR
AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 23 TO PROTEST U.S. POSITION ON CURRENT
CYPRUS CONFLICT AND TO URGE U.S. TO FOLLOW A POLICY MORE IN
LINE WITH TRADITIONAL U.S. GREEK FRIENDSHIP.

2. GROUP LEFT WITH AMBASSADOR MEMORANDUM (COPY BEING POUCHED)
MAKING FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) SOUTH AFRICAN GREEKS ARE SHOCKED THAT U.S. HAS ALLOWED
TROOPS ARMED BY IT TO OCCUPY CYPRUS DESPITE U.S. PAST ADHERENCE
TO DECLARATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS GUARANTEEING INDEPENDENCE,
INTEGRITY AND SECURITY OF CYPRUS.

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(B) THEY ARE APALLED THAT TURKISH TROOPS HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO 'RAVAGE' CYPRUS WITH ARMS SUPPLIED BY U.S.; GREEKS WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT FRIENDSHIP AND CORDIAL RELATIONS THEY HAD LONG HAD WITH THE U.S. WOULD HAVE PREVENTED THIS.

(C) THEY CANNOT BELIEVE U.S. CAN STAND BY WHILE CEASE FIRE AGREEMENTS ARE VIOLATED AND ATTEMPTS ARE MADE SO A MINORITY SUPPORTED BY AN OCCUPYING FORCE MAY RULE A MAJORITY ON THE ISLAND.

(D) U.S. RECENT ACTIONS OF SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING TURKISH AGGRESSION MAKES AMERICAN DESIRE FOR A FREE AND PEACEFUL WORLD BUT A PRETENCE.

(E) GREEK COMMUNITY IS SADDENED BY THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND REGRETS THAT CLIMATE WAS ESTABLISHED RESULTING IN DEATH OF AMBASSADOR DAVIES.

(F) THE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD OF HELLENIC ORIGIN WILL NOT REST UNTIL EVERY TURKISH SOLDIER HAS LEFT CYPRUS.

(G) GREEK-SOUTH AFRICAN COMMUNITY BELIEVES PEOPLE OF U.S.WILL NOT ALLOW USG TO CONTINUE THIS POLICY OF INDIFFERENCE (IF NOT ENCOURAGEMENT) TO ONE OF ITS SUPPOSED ALLIES BUT WILL HELP PUT AN END TO SUFFERING OF CYPRIOTS.

3. IN ORAL PRESENTATION MADE SOUTH AFRICAN GREEK LEADERS EXPRESSED THEIR DEEP CONCERN OVER WHAT IS TAKING PLACE IN CYPRUS AND ASCRIBED EVENTS THERE DUE TO PRO-TURKISH PARTISANSHIP OF USG AS REFLECTED IN UNIDENTIFIED STATEMENTS OF U.S.LEADERS.

4. GROUP VOICED STRONG CONCERN OVER HOW GREEK COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, INCLUDING SOUTH AFRICA, ARE VIEWING ALLEGED SHIFT IN U.S.ATTITUDES AND SAID THEY WERE DEEPLY WORRIED OVER HOW YOUNG HOTHEADS IN GREEK COMMUNITIES MIGHT REACT. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT U.S. LEADERSHIP IS PRO-TURKISH, MANY MEMBERS OF GREEK COMMUNITIES HAVE CONCLUDED U.S. IS NOW TURNING ON ITS GREEK FRIENDS AND THIS CAN CREATE UNFORTUNATE SITUATIONS.

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5. AMBASSADOR RECALLED LONG HISTORY OF CLOSE U.S.GREEK FRIENDSHIP AND MANY ACTIONS BY USG,PARTICULARLY SINCE WORLD WAR 11, IN SUPPORT OF GREEKS. HE STRESSED U.S.OBJECTIVE OF FINDING PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO CYPRIOT SITUATION. HE POINTED TO MURDER OF AMBASSADOR DAVIES AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE TYPE OF DESTRUCTIVENESS THAT CAN RESULT FROM HOTHEADED DEMONSTRATIONS AND CITED AS EXAMPLE OF DETERMINATION USG TO DEVOTE ITSELF TOWARD

A RESOLUTION OF CYPRUS PROBLEM THE IMMEDIATE AND INTERIM
ASSIGNMENT OF UNDER SECRETARY BROWN PENDING THE ARRIVAL OF A NEW
CAREER U.S.ENVOY.

6. AMBASSADOR ASSURED CALLERS OF THE UTTER SERIOUSNESS WITH
WHICH HE RECEIVED THEIR MESSAGE AND ALSO ASSURED THEM THAT IT
WOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON WITHOUT DELAY.

7. SAME GROUP CALLED EARLIER DURING DAY ON BRITISH CHARGE WITH
WHOM THEY LEFT MEMO CRITICIZING UK POSITION IN CURRENT CYPRUS
SITUATION.

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